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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Kenji YAMASHITA, Takeshi FUKUCHI, Tomoko NISHINO  
A METHOD FOR INDUCING IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE CELLS AND A  
CULTURE DEVICE TO BE USED THEREFOR  
Our Ref: Q62578

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/254,170 filed March 2, 1999 of Kenji YAMASHITA, Takeshi FUKUCHI, Tomoko NISHINO entitled A METHOD FOR INDUCING IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE CELLS AND A CULTURE DEVICE TO BE USED THEREFOR.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed are seven sheets (7) of drawings, an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO Form 1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1644.

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

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--This is a divisional of Application No. 09/254,170 filed March 2, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

Priority is claimed from JP Application No. 233316/1996 filed on September 3, 1996. The priority document(s) were filed in parent Application No. 09/254,170.

Please cancel claims 1-19 in this Divisional Application.

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted herewith.

Additionally, a marked-up copy of the specification, reflecting the changes in the Preliminary Amendment, is submitted herewith along with a copy of a substitute specification having the changes incorporated therein. These documents were also submitted in the parent application.

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<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>								<u><b>\$980.00</b></u>

A check for the statutory fee of \$980.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time has been previously filed in Application No. 09/254,170. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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